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Bear & Mountain Lion SightingsJanuary 2007

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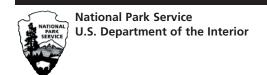
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Black Bears

 Sow & 3 cubs in Juniper Canyon 	2nd, 5:30 pm
 Sow & 3 cubs on Window Trail, 2/3 of the way down 	8, 4 pm
• 1 bear in Pine Canyon	8th,4pm
• 1 in Pine Canyon, 1/2 mile from pour-off	9th, noon
 Sow & 2 or 3 cubs on Window Trail, /2 way down 	9th, 2 pm
• 1 bear on road, 4 miles west of Panther Junction	9th, 6:10 pm
• 1 bear in Pine Canyon near end	13th, 2 pm
• 1 bear in Pine Canyon	14th, 3pm
• 1 bear at Croton Spring	14th, 3:30 pm
• 2 adult bears on Basin Road, near mile 4.5	24th, 4 pm
 Sow & 3 cubs near Lost Mine Trailhead 	26th, 1:15pm
 Sow & 3 cubs on Basin Road, mile 4 	27th, 4:20 pm

Mountain lions

Along Paint Gap Road	5th, 7-8 pm
 On road 5 miles west of Castolon 	9th, 11 am
Rio Grande Tunnel	17th, 1 pm
• Laguna Meadow Trail, 100 yards above Colima Trail jct	21st, 4:30 pm
 Along road 1.5 miles east of Panther Junction 	25th, 7:15 pm
 Along road 2.75 miles west of Panther Junction 	29th, 7 am
 Laguna Meadow Trail, I mile south of Basin Loop jct 	30th, 9:50 am
Near Panther Junction	30th, 9:55 am
Crossing road at Lost Mine Trallhead	30th, 10:45 pm



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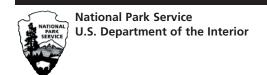
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 Sow & 3 cubs on Basin Road, mile 4.5 	4th, 5:15 pm
• Sow & 3 cubs on Basin Road	6th, 6:30 pm
• "	7th, 9:30 am
• Sow & 3 cubs on Pulliam Ridge, seen from Basin site 60	7th, 4:30 pm
 Sow & 2 cubs at Homer Wilson Ranch 	14th, 2 am

Near Rio Grande Village tunnel	9th, 9:40 am
• On Basin Road around mile 3.5	12th, 8 pm
 On road 200 yds west of Panther Junction gas station 	15th, 6:10 pm
 On road near Panther Junction gas station 	15th, 7 pm
 On Basin Road near 'Bear & Lion Country" sign 	19th, 5 pm
Near Lodge Unit D	23rd, evening
 Pinnacles Trail, about 20 minutes up 	24th, 5:15 pm
 On Basin Road, 100 yds west of Lost Mine Trailhead 	25th, 11 am
 On Basin Road, ¼ mile from Visitor Center 	25th, 11:10 am
 On Ross Maxwell Scenic Drive, near Sam Nail Ranch 	26th, 6:45 am



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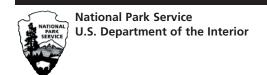
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Black Bears

 At Laguna Meadow #4 campsite 	14th, 4 am
At McKinney Spring	16th, 6 pm
 Lost Mine Trail, in ravine near top 	20th, 5 – 6:30 pm
 Mile #5 on road to Rio Grande Village 	20th, 9 am
On road 1 mile from Panther Junction	30th, 9 am

• Ross Maxwell Scenic Drive, north of Burro Mesa spur road	3rd, 12:45 pm
Near Hannold Draw	4th, 8 pm
 On road about 15 miles west of Panther Junction 	11th, 7 pm
Basin Road below Casa Grande	18th, 1:30 pm
 Possible lion on Window Trail, 1 ¼ mile down 	20th, 7 pm
• On Laguna Meadow Trail between Blue Creek and Colima	27th, 6:30 pm



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Black Bears

•	2 at Boot Canyon #3 campsite	8th, 5:40 pm
•	Sow & cub behind Boot Canyon #3 & #4 campsites	10th, 5 pm & 7 pm
•	• 1 on Mex. side of river across from Santa Elena Cnyn Trail	11th, evening
•	 1 on Basin Road at Tree Exhibit pull-out (around mile 4) 	12th, 8 am
•	2 adult bears & 1 cub near Boot Canyon #4 campsite	12th & 13th, 6:30-ish pm
•	Sow & 2 cubs near Southwest #2 campsite	16th, 5 pm
•	• 1 near Colima #3 campsite	18th, 8 pm
•	 1 on Basin Road near Lost Mine Trailhead 	19th, 7 pm
•	 2 cubs crossing Basin Road near Lost Mine Trailhead 	20th, 5 pm
•	Sow & 2 cubs on Basin Road @ mile 5 (Lost Mine Trailhead)	23rd, 9 am
•	Sow & 2 cubs seen from Basin Campground, site #30	23rd, 6:30 pm
•	Sow & 2 cubs in Pine Canyon, near end of canyon	25th, 2 pm
•	Sow & 2 cubs 1 mile up Pine Canyon Trail	29th, 1:15 pm
•	• 2 cubs on Pine Canyon Trail, 1 ½ miles up	29th, 7:30 pm
•	● 2 cubs on Pine Canyon Trail, 1 ½ miles up	30th, 9-9:30 am

Mountain lions

 On road to RGV, between mile 5 & mile 15 	7th, 3:45 pm
• In Santa Elena Canyon, on Mex. side across from nature trail	11th, 8:15 pm
• In Basin near Lodge	11th, 9:45 pm
 On road 1 mile west of Panther Junction 	14th, 9:45 pm
• Laguna Meadow Trail	17th, 10 am
Near Lodge	26th, 10 pm
• 2 mountain lions in Dog Canyon	28th, 4:30 pm



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•	Sow and 2 or 3 cubs near Emory Peak/Boot Canyon Trail junction	1st, 11:30 am
•	Sow & cub 1 mile up Laguna Meadow Trail	2nd, 9:30 am
•	One on Basin Road, mile 3.8	3rd, 10:15 am
•	3 cubs in Pine Canyon	4th, 1:30 pm
•	Sow & 2 cubs on upper Window Trail behind trail crew dorm	6th, 12:40 pm
•	2 bears on upper Window Trail near main trailhead	6th, 4 pm
•	2 cubs along Basin Road between mile 3 – 4	8th, 8:15 pm
•	One bear crossing Basin Road between mile 4 – 5	10th, 9:15 am
•	One on Lost Mine Trail, 100 yards from trailhead	11th, 6:45 pm
•	Laguna Meadow Trail, ½ mile below Basin Loop junction	11th, 9 pm
•	One on Basin Road, mile 3	12th, 12:30 pm
•	One on Basin Road, mile 4	12th, 11:25 pm
•	One on Basin Road, mile 3	13th, 8;35 am
•	Sow & 2 cubs behind Juniper Flat #1 campsite	14th, 3:30 pm
•	2 cubs on Basin Road	20th, 6 pm
•	5 bears along upper part of Window Trail	21st, 9:30 am
•	Sow & 2 cubs on Laguna Meadow Trail near ash flow	22nd, 9 am
•	One on road near base of Basin Road	22nd, 9:20 pm
•	Sow & 2 cubs on Laguna Meadow Trail near ash flow	22nd, 10 am
•	One along road 3.5 miles west of Panther Junction	24th, 7:30 pm
•	One on Basin Road between mile 2–3	25th, 10:40 am
•	Sow & cub on Pine Canyon Trail, half-way up	26th, 7:20 pm
•	One on Dodson Trail between Elephant Tusk and Smoky Creek	27th, 9-10 pm
•	3 bears on Basin Road between mile 4–5	28th, 8:30 am
•	Sow & 2 cubs in switchbacks on Basin Road	28th, 10:30 am
•	Sow & 2 yearlings on Window Trail at jct with campground spur	29th, 10 am
•	Sow & cub between Window Trail and sewage lagoons	30th, 2 pm

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•	Grapevine Hills Road	6th, 11:30 pm
•	Crossing road about 7 miles west of Panther Junction	9th, 9:10 am
•	Near Basin Road between mile 4–5	10th, 9:15 am
•	Basin Road just below mile 3	11th, 6:15 pm
•	Mile 9–9.5 on road to Rio Grande Village	24th, 11:15 am
•	Juniper Canyon Trail, 2 miles up from Dodson junction	26th, pm
•	Two sightings of mountain lion on Window Trail	27th, afternoon
•	Window Trail, about 1 mile down	28th, 5:45 pm
•	On road about 13 miles west of Panther Junction	29th, 9:30 am



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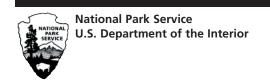
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• Laguna Meadow #1 campsite	2nd, 6 pm
Window Trail	2nd, 11:30 am
 Sow & 2 cubs near Boot Cabin/Boot Spring 	3rd, 6:40 am
• Sow & 2 cubs on Laguna Meadow Trail, ½ - 1 mile up	3rd, 7:45 am
• Laguna Meadow Trail	4th, 7:30 am
• Basin Road between mile 4 – 5	4th, 7:20 am
Near Toll Mountain campsite	4th, 8:45 pm
Behind Lodge Unit #203	6th, 8:30
• Pinnacles Trail, 200 yards from Boulder Meadow #1 campsite	•
• Near Boot Canyon #2 campsite	10th, 6 pm
Lost Mine Trailhead	12th, 12:30 pm
• Juniper Canyon Trail, 1 ½ mile up trail from road	13th, 12:40 pm
Basin Road near mile 4	14th, 9:30 am
• 1/3 of the way down the Window Trail	16th, 7:45 am
Window Trail, 1.4 miles down	16th, 8:30 am
• Pine Canyon Trail, in canyon	16th, 11 am
Basin Road near mile 3	17th, 8:30 pm
• ½ mile from end of Window Trail, on hillside	21st, 11:45 am
Near Boot Canyon #3 campsite	22nd, 8:45 am
Near switchbacks along Pinnacles Trail	22nd, 11 am
• In Boot Canyon campsite #4, rattling food locker	23rd, after midnight
Near Boot Canyon campsite #4	23rd, 7 am
• Sow & cub on Basin Rd, mile 2.5	23rd, 9:15 pm
• Sow & yearling cub on slope of Pulliam Ridge above campgr	
Basin Road near mile 4.5	28th, 9:20 am
Basin Road, mile 3	28th, 9:20 pm
• ½-way down Window Trail	29th, 8 am
Near sewage lagoons below Basin Campground	29th, 8:30 pm
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Mountain lions

Burro Spring Trail	5th, 9:40 am
 Lost Mine Trail near marker #24 	6th, 1 pm
 Lower Burro Mesa Pour-off 	9th, noon
Basin Road near junction with campground road	27th, 10 pm

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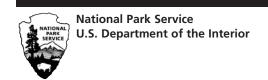
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Black Bears

• Basin Road, mile 3	1st, 10 am
• Basin Road, mile 5	3rd, 10 pm
Near Basin Campground	4th, 8 pm
Sow & cub on Window Trail	5th, 9:45 am
Basin Road near Lost Mine Trailhead	5th, 8:30 pm
• Laguna Meadow – Colima Trail junction	6th, 9:30 am
Basin Road, mile 2	6th, 12:30 pm
• 2 cubs on Laguna Meadow Trail	6th, 4 pm
Basin Road, mile 3	7th, 1 pm
Basin Campground Road	8th, 6:45 pm
 Lost Mine Trail, marker #24 	10th, 11:45 am
 Cub on Window Trail, 1 mile down 	11th, 10:45 am
• Basin Road near mile 4.5	11th, 11:40 am
 Basin Road near junction with campground road 	11th, 7:27 pm
 Sow & cub on Basin Road near mile 4 	16th, 7:30 pm
• Basin Road, mile 6	17th, 10:25 pm
• Basin Road, mile 4-5	19th, 11:30 am
 On road at stone cottages in Basin 	19th, 5 pm
• Lost Mine Trail, marker #5	20th, 1 pm
 Pine Canyon Trail, grassland area 	21st, 9:45 am
• 0.4 miles SE of PJ on rd to RGV	24th, 7:20 am
 Behind stone cottage #102 	25th, 8:10 am
 Window Trail, 200 yards from end 	25th, 8:20 am
• 2 bears on Window Trail, 300 yds from Lodge	25th, 8:40 am
• 0.4 miles west of PJ gas station	26th, 8:30 pm
• Emory Peak Trail, 1/3 mile from top	27th, 3:30 pm
 Half-way down Window Trail 	28th, 10 am
• Sow & cub on Basin Rd, 100 yds from Visitor Center	28th, 4:20 pm
 Lost Mine Trail between markers #10-12 	28th, 7:30 pm
• Basin Road near mile marker #5	29th, 11:30 pm

Mountain lions

 Lost Mine Trail between markers #8-9 	24th, 6:20 pm
Rio Grande Village – campground area?	27th, 8 pm



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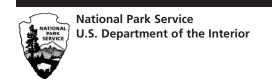
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Black bears

• Lost Mine Trail	1st, 2:30 pm
 Laguna Meadow Trail, 15 min from trailhead 	5th, 9:15 am
 Near stone culvert by cottages 	5th, 10 am
• Lost Mine Trail just past marker #10	6th, 2 pm
Boot Canyon Trail near campsite BC1	8th, 2:30 pm
• Window Trail, ½ mile from end	9th, 11 am
Basin Road	9th, 3:20 pm
Window Trail	12th, 10:30 am
• Cub on Basin Road, mile 5.5	13th, 9:45 pm
• Cub on Basin Road, mile 4	14th, 8:30 pm
• Cub on Pinnacles Trail	15th, 8:30 am
• Laguna Meadow Trail at 6600' elev.	16th, 1:30 pm
 Cub on Basin Road just before Lodge 	16th, 5:30 pm
 Cub on Basin Road across from Lost Mine Trailhead 	16th, 5:40 pm
• Basin Road near mile 3	19th, 10 am
 Laguna Meadow Trail, 1st mile or so 	23rd, 10:45 am
Basin Road just below mile 4	23rd, 6:30 pm
• Basin Road, mile 4.5	23rd, 7:10 pm
 Window Trail about half-way down 	25th, 5:15 pm
 Window Trail about 1 mile down 	25th, 6:45 pm
Basin Road just below mile 4	31st, 10:45 am

Mountain lions

 Cub on Basin Road between mile 2 – 3.5 	1st, 4 pm
 Cub on Basin Road below mile 1 	5th, 9:40 pm
 Cub on Glenn Springs Rd near Nugent Mtn 	7th, 12:15 pm
Basin Road at Lost Mine Trailhead	9th, 2:45 pm
Basin Road near Lost Mine Trailhead	11th, 3:30 pm
On hill across from Lost Mine Trailhead	11th, 8-8:30 pm
• 2 lions on Lost Mine Trail, marker #6	12th, 12:45 am
• On road west of Panther Junction, bet. mile 8-9	19th, 10:20 am
 On road 1-2 miles west of Castolon 	27th, 2:40 & 3:40 pm



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Black bears

• Basin Road near "bear" sign

• Basin Road at campground road junction

• Basin Road, mile 4

• Basin sewage lagoons

Near Basin sewage lagoons

• Basin Road 1 mile from Lost Mine Trailhead

Window Trail. 2 miles from main trailhead

• Basin Road near tree zone exhibit

• Below Window View Trail

Window Trail

• Window Trail, ½-way down

Boot Canyon, far south end

1st, 2:45 pm

2nd, 9:30 am

2nd, 10:05 pm

3rd, 1 pm

7th, 11 am

11th, 6 pm

13th, 8:45 am

18th, 4:15 pm

21st, 7:50 pm

25th, 11:30 am

28th, noon

29th, 11 am

Mountain lions

• On road 1 mile west of Castolon

• On road 10 – 11 miles north of Panther Jct

• 2 mountain lions @ jct of South & East Rim

• Window Trail above Oak Spring junction

• 3 on road 11 miles west of Panther Junction

Lower Juniper Spring

• On Pinnacles Trail near cottages #102-103

Maverick Road, about 3 miles from N end

• Ross Maxwell Drive near Tuff Canyon

• Pinnacles Trail just above water tank

Window View Trail

Boot Cabin

• Lost Mine Trail near marker #4

• Basin Road near mile marker #5

• Pinnacles Trail near Juniper Flat campsites (2 mtn lions on trail)

2nd, 10:26 am

5th, 8:30 am

9th, 11:35 am

10th, 3:30 pm 10th, 10:15 pm

13th, 9:40 am

17th, 7:45 am

20th, 9 pm

23rd, 10 am

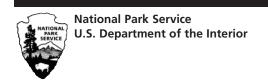
24th, 3:20 pm

25th, 5:30 pm

27th, 10:45 am 28th, 11:53 am

28th, 6:45 pm

30th, late afternoon



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 Window Trail, 1 mile from campground 	4th, 12:45 pm
Basin sewage lagoons	5th, 8:30 am
• Slope on Casa Grande	6th, 11 am
Near Laguna Meadow #2 campsite	6th, 11:48 am
• Emory Peak	7th, 6:30 pm
Basin Campground, site #51	8th, 8:30 pm
• 100 yds from Lodge Unit B-5	9th, 12:30 pm
Window Trail	10th, 2:30 pm
Window Trail about 1/2-way down	11th, 5:45 pm
 Pinnacles Trail near Juniper Flat #3 campsite 	16th, 12:45 pm
 2 on ridge near Window View Trail overlook 	16th, 7:30 pm
 Junction of Window Trail & Oak Spring Trail 	19th, 2:30 pm
 Along main park road near junction with Basin Road 	21st, 9:30 am
Window Trail, 1 mile from campground	23rd, 1:30 pm
Basin sewage lagoons	24th, 3:30 pm
Window Trail in creekbed	25th, 4 pm
Window Trail, half-way down	28th, 1:30 pm
 Pinnacles Trail near pass at Toll Mountain 	29th, 6:15 pm
 Window Trail about a half-mile below campground 	30th, 1:30 pm
Window Trail	30th, 2 pm

Mountain lions

• 2 on Pinnacles Trail near Pinnacles campsites	1st, 9 am
 Ross Maxwell Drive near dike formations 	6th, 7 pm
 Basin Road between mile 5 - 6 	8th, 1:50 & 2:15 pm
 Lost Mine Trail between markers #5 - 6 	12th, 10:15 -10:30 am
 Ross Maxwell Drive between mile 4 - 6 	13th, 2:45 pm
 Maverick Road, 3.6 miles from north end 	15th, 11 :00 am
Window Trail near group campground	27th, 8 am
 Upper Window Trail, seen from Window View 	28th, 7:10 pm
• Basin Road, mile 4.5	29th, 8:30 pm



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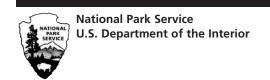
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 Window Trail, half-way down Hannold Draw campsite Juniper Canyon Trail, 1 mile below Upper Jun. Spring Lost Mine Trail just below 1st overlook On road 4 -5 miles north of Panther Junction Window Trail just below campground spur trail Lost Mine Trail, off trail below markers #15-16 Lost Mine Trail just above saddle Road to stone cottages In valley below Lost Mine Trail, seen from markers #15-16 Lost Mine Trail near marker #11 Lost Mine Trail between markers #15-16 Near Boulder Meadow #4 campsite, on slope of Casa Grande 	h, 10:30 am h, 4:20 and 5 pm h, 1 am h, 5:30 pm h, 5 pm t, 3 pm t, 4:30 pm t, 5 pm t, 5:25 pm d, 4 pm d, 10:30 am d, 11 am d, 11:30 am h, 8:45 am h, 11 am
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Mountain lions

• Laguna Meadow Trail in switchbacks	9 th , 5 pm
Northeast Rim #4 campsite	12 th , 2 am
 Window Trail, seen from Window View Trail 	20 th , 3:30-4 pm
 In creekbed below Window View Trail 	20 th , 4 – 4:30 pm
 Boulder Meadow #5 campsite 	23 rd , 8 am
 Boulder Meadow #5 campsite 	25 th , 7:30 am
Behind Lodge Unit A	26 th , 8 am
Mile 10 on road to Rio Grande Village	26 th , 2:15 pm



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• Laguna West #3 campsite	4 th , 2:30 pm
Boulder Meadow #5 campsite	6 th , 11 pm
• Lost Mine Trail near marker #15	7 th , 1:30 pm
 Downstream from Hot Springs on Mexican side 	13 th , 5:15 pm
• Lost Mine Trail near marker #12 and between #16 - #17	15 th , 11 am
Window Trail	16 th , 4:30 pm
Grapevine Hills area	16 th , 10 am
 On road 4 miles north of PJ, near Hannold Draw 	17 th , 9:15 am
• Crossing river near La Clocha #2	22 nd , 6 pm
Basin Road near Lost Mine Trailhead	26 th , 10:15 am(?)

Basin Road, mile 6	2 nd , 6:10 pm
Maverick Road	3 rd , 2 pm
Basin Road between mile 3-4	6 th , 6:30 pm
Basin Road around mile 2	6 th , 7 pm
Basin Road near mile 4.5	9 th , 4 pm
 Maverick Road, south of Terlingua Abajo 	9 th , 4:30 pm
• 2 lions together on Basin Road near mile 4.6	9 th , 6:30 pm
 Basin Road around mile 2 (at bear/mountain lion sign) 	9 th , 10:15 pm
Basin road, mile 3	10 th , 12:30 pm
 Along paved road just before Santa Elena Canyon 	11 th , 3:30 pm
Basin Road near mile 4	11 th , 6 pm
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